

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Forestry

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Forestry	Applicant:	
Final Ranking Score:	Address:	
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:	
3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO ₂ (Carbon Dioxide), CH ₄ (Methane), and N ₂ O (Nitrous Oxide)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
6. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement practices which:	

7. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP (122,124)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
9. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will this treatment address a critical water quality resource concern on property located in the Lake Champlain or Lake Memphremagog watershed?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Is the parcel protected or directly adjacent to other protected (easement) or public lands?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. ANSWER YES TO 3 OR 4 BUT NOT BOTH. Does this application include at least one practice that will reduce soil erosion and result in an improvement in water quality of streams, water bodies, or wetlands?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Does this application include at least one practice that will reduce only soil erosion on forest land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does this application include practices to address invasive species where successful control or containment is feasible?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. FOR QUESTION 6, 7, 8. ONLY ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE QUESTIONS. Does this application include Forest Stand Improvement practices on forest lands considered to be "higher forest productivity?"	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Does this application include Forest Stand Improvement practices on forest lands considered to be "lower forest productivity?"	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Does this application include Forest Stand Improvement practice on forest lands that are not found on Forest_Prod_a_vt.lyr	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Does this application include Forest Stand Improvement practices, focusing on the pole size class, located in Franklin, Lamoille, Orleans or Essex County?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Bennington Local Working Group	
1. Does this application include practices to control invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Does this application reduce erosion resource concerns through the implementation of stream crossing and/or forest trails and landings practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will forest stand improvement be implemented with this application to improve the diversity, structure, and health of forested lands?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Does the application include critical area planting to address soil erosion concerns?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Is the application part of a larger plan that is using multiple funding sources/partners in order to achieve conservation as a partnership effort?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Franklin and Grand Isle Local Working Group	
6. Does this application prevent or control invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Does this practice reduce or prevent sediment from entering into a waterway?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Does this application promote forest health and productivity by removing damaged or diseased trees?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Does this application restore sensitive areas by relocating poorly sited roads?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Does this application improve water quality through forest road repair?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Poultney Mettawee Local Working Group	
11. Are practices included in this application that would improve tree species diversity and/or vertical stratification for improved forest health?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Will this application include invasive plant control?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. Will this application include practices that also benefit water quality?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Will this application address soil erosion within 50' of a river corridor as delineated in a river corridor plan or within 100' of a blue line stream if there is no river corridor plan for the planned area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. Will additional strategies be implemented to prevent establishment or reestablishment of invasive species, as identified in participant's forest management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Rutland Local Working Group	
16. Are practices included in this application that would improve tree species diversity and/or vertical stratification for improved forest health?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
17. Will this application include invasive plant control?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
18. Will this application address soil erosion through the installation of stream crossing, forest trails and landings and or grade stabilization structure?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
19. Are the contracted practices part of a larger plan that utilizes multiple funding sources (like district or state) to address resource concerns?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
20. Will additional strategies be implemented to prevent establishment or reestablishment of invasive species, as identified in participant's forest management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Ottauquechee Local Working Group	
21. Will this application address a critical water quality resource concern on property located within the Connecticut River Watershed?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
22. Will the application include critical area planting and/or forest trails and landings in order to address soil erosion concerns?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
23. Does this application address invasive species identified in the participant's forest management plan, and does the plan also include practices to promote native species regeneration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
24. Are practices included in this application that would improve the diversity and/or health of natural communities?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
25. Does this application include practices for improved species diversity and improved vertical stratification within the forest?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Windham Local Working Group	
26. Will this application include practices that will help reduce sediment loading into surface waters that feed into the Connecticut River?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
27. Will this application address soil erosion through the installation of stream crossings and/or forest trails and landings?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
28. Will this application include practices that will address invasive species ?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
29. Will strategies be implemented to prevent establishment or reestablishment of invasive species, as identified in participant's forest management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
30. Will forest stand improvement be implemented with this application to improve the diversity, structure, and health of forested lands?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Caledonia Local Working Group	
31. Does the application address erosion control that would reduce sedimentation to waterways?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
32. Does the application address invasive control?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

33. Does the application address barriers to quality forestry, including (but not limited to) invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
34. Does this application solve multiple resource concerns?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
35. Does the property fall within a high priority SAP (spatial analysis project)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Lamoille Local Working Group	
36. Does this application prevent or control invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
37. Does this application reduce or prevent sediment into surface water?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
38. Does this application maintain roads and trails that follow Best Management Practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
39. Does this application include practices that maintain habitat connectivity?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
40. Does this application include bird habitat that is shown on the Vermont Forest Birds Priority Map?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Orleans Local Working Group	
41. Does this application address erosion control for slopes over 10%?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
42. Does this application protect streams from erosion and runoff from forestry equipment travel?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
43. Does this application include tree establishment after the cut?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
44. Does this application address invasive species control?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
45. Does this application included forest stand improvement that will enhance wildlife habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
White River Local Working Group	
46. Will this application include practices to control terrestrial invasive species and management plans?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
47. Will this application address erosion control practices on stream crossings on logging operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
48. Will this application provide increased wildlife cover through forest stand improvement?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
49. Will this application included practices to improve water quality and reduce soil erosion on existing forest roads and trails?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
50. Will this application include practices that both follow the Forest management plan and provide wildlife habitat benefits?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Otter Creek Local Working Group	
51. Will this EQIP application address the enhancement of managed forest stand health and productivity?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
52. Will this EQIP application manage invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
53. Will this EQIP application improve water quality by addressing soil erosion from forest trails, access roads and landings?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
54. Will this EQIP application result in enhanced aquatic and wetlands habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
55. Will this EQIP application address, where needed, streambank erosion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Winooski Local Working Group	
56. Will this application lead to improved forest health and diversity?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
57. Does this project include the control or eradication of invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
58. Will this application increase habitat continuity and/or is the project area within 1 mile of any core protected areas or conserved lands?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
59. Does the project involve upgrades to or maintenance of forest trails, landings, and/or access roads?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
60. Will this application maintain or make improvements to forest riparian buffers?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Essex Local Working Group	
61. Does the application address erosion control that would reduce sedimentation to waterways?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
62. Does the application address invasive control?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
63. Does the application address barriers to quality forestry, including (but not limited to) invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
64. Does this application solve multiple resource concerns.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency:

Local Issues:

State Issues:

National Issues:

Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: